

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 601

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1183
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1183 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE LAND MAMMAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to recognize the importance of the ōpeʻapeʻa to the State of Hawaii and raise awareness of the ōpeʻapeʻa as an endangered species and uniquely Hawaiian land mammal by designating the ōpeʻapeʻa as the official land mammal of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Humane Society of the United States-Hawaii, The Nature Conservancy, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Bat Conservation International and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the ōpeʻapeʻa is the only land mammal native to the Hawaiian Islands. The ōpeʻapeʻa is a unique and resilient animal that is well-suited to represent Hawaii. Recognizing the ōpeʻapeʻa, which roosts in trees, will do much to remind us of our reliance upon, and responsibility toward, our environment and natural and cultural resources.

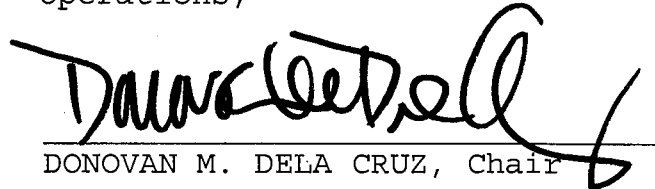
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Clarifying that the ōpeʻapeʻa was listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act and the State of Hawaii's Endangered Species List on October 13, 1970; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1183, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1183, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB1183	GVO	2-26-15
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓	
IHARA, Jr., Les		
TOKUDA, Jill N.		
SLOM, Sam	✓	
TOTAL	3	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i></div>		
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